



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 7**

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Ms. Talya Mayfield  
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Dear Ms. Mayfield:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently received information regarding the release of a hazardous substance at the Green America Recycling facility in Hannibal, Missouri. As a result, the EPA is investigating the circumstances of the release, actions undertaken by this facility because of the release, the potential for future releases at this location and compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

Specifically, the EPA requests information regarding the following incident:

<u>Date</u>	<u>NRC Report No.</u>	<u>Substance</u>
April 11, 2020	Unknown	Unknown

This information request consists of a Chemical Release Questionnaire on the causes and effects of the chemical release, as well as the status of the facility's compliance with the other sections of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act.

This request for information is issued pursuant to the authority of Section 104(b) and (e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(b) and (e). Section 104(e) of CERCLA authorizes the EPA to require any person to furnish information about: (1) the identification, nature and quantity of materials generated, treated, stored, disposed of, or transported to a facility; (2) the nature or extent of a release or threatened release of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant at or from a facility; and (3) the ability of a person to pay for or perform a cleanup.

In accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. § 2.203(b), you may assert a business confidentiality claim covering any part of the information set forth in your response which you deem confidential. Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If you fail to assert a claim of business confidentiality at the time of submission of your response, such information may be made available to the public without further notice.



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Pursuant to Section 104(e)(5) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604(e)(5), failure to comply with a request for information issued pursuant to Section 104(e) may result in the assessment of a civil penalty not to exceed \$58,328 for each day of noncompliance. Furthermore, failure to timely, accurately and completely respond to this request may subject you to further civil and criminal penalties. Information provided may be used for all purposes authorized by Section 104(e) of CERCLA.

The EPA typically requires responses to these types of information requests within 30 days, and we request that you respond within 30 days if you can. However, the EPA recognizes that the Covid-19 pandemic may be impacting your operations and causing hardships to your business. Please let us know if circumstances due to the Covid-19 pandemic impact your ability to respond to this information request. We are open to discussing appropriate flexibilities that you may need.

We strongly encourage you to provide an electronic response to this information request. Please direct your response to Christine Hoard at [hoard.christine@epa.gov](mailto:hoard.christine@epa.gov). If it is not possible to respond electronically, please mail your response to Christine Hoard, ECAD/CB, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 11201 Renner Boulevard, Lenexa, Kansas, 66219. To request an extension of the 30-day time limit or if you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Hoard at (913) 551-7775 or by e-mail at [hoard.christine@epa.gov](mailto:hoard.christine@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: General Instructions – Enclosure 1  
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